



## Senate

General Assembly

**File No. 216**

February Session, 2004

Substitute Senate Bill No. 160

*Senate, March 24, 2004*

The Committee on Government Administration and Elections reported through SEN. DEFRONZO of the 6th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY PURCHASE ORDERS AND THE CORE-CT SYSTEM.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 4-98 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*  
3 *October 1, 2004*):

4 (a) Except for such emergency purchases as are made by a budgeted  
5 agency under regulations adopted by the Commissioner of  
6 Administrative Services, no budgeted agency or any agent thereof  
7 shall incur any obligation, by order, contract or otherwise, except by  
8 the issue of a purchase order [and] or any other documentation  
9 approved by the Comptroller, necessary to process the transaction  
10 transmitted by the budgeted agency or its agents to the commissioner  
11 and the Comptroller, provided the amount to be charged against the  
12 appropriation for a budgeted agency in any year for a purchase order

13 for a current expenditure shall be the amount anticipated to be spent in  
14 such year. The amount to be charged against the appropriation for any  
15 budgeted agency in any year for a capital expenditure, including an  
16 installment purchase, shall be the state's [total] annual cost for such  
17 capital expenditure unless otherwise authorized by the General  
18 Assembly or approved by the Finance Advisory Committee. Upon the  
19 receipt of any such purchase order [and] or any other documentation  
20 approved by the Comptroller necessary to process the transaction, the  
21 Comptroller shall immediately charge the same to the specific  
22 appropriation of the budgeted agency issuing the same and certify on  
23 the face of the purchase order or approve such other documentation  
24 that the purchase is approved and recorded, if the proposed purchase  
25 is within the applicable specific appropriation and the budgeted  
26 agency has unencumbered funds sufficient to defray such expenditure.  
27 [The] In transactions requiring purchase orders, the Comptroller shall  
28 promptly transmit such certified purchase order to the vendor named  
29 in the purchase order.

30 Sec. 2. Section 3-115a of the general statutes is repealed and the  
31 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2004*):

32 [(a) For the purposes of this section:

33 (1) "SAAAS" means the state agency accounting appropriation  
34 system;

35 (2) "BOSS" means the business office systems support;

36 (3) "ABS" means the automatic budget system;

37 (4) "APS" means the automatic personnel system;

38 (5) "CAS" means the central accounting system.]

39 [(b)] The Comptroller, in carrying out accounting processes and  
40 financial reporting that meet constitutional needs, shall provide for the  
41 budgetary and financial reporting needs of the executive branch as  
42 may be necessary through the CORE-CT system. [as defined in the

- 43 CAS, BOSS, SAAAS, ABS, and APS systems, including the acceptance  
44 and retrieval of data elements as provided by state agency systems.]

This act shall take effect as follows:	
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2004</i>
Sec. 2	<i>October 1, 2004</i>

***Statement of Legislative Commissioners:***

In section 1, the words "by approval of" were replaced with the word "approve" for purposes of proper grammatical form.

***GAE***      *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Municipal Impact:** None

**Explanation**

The bill makes various changes that conform the statutes to current practice and has no fiscal impact.

**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING STATE AGENCY PURCHASE ORDERS  
AND THE CORE-CT SYSTEM*****SUMMARY:**

This bill limits the alternative documentation that state agencies can use to purchase goods or services to only that approved by the comptroller. By law, these agencies can use purchase orders or other documentation to purchase non-emergency goods or services.

For capital expenditures, the bill requires the comptroller to deduct the annual, rather than total, cost to the state from the agency's budget unless otherwise authorized by General Assembly or the Finance Advisory Committee.

Lastly, it deletes language made obsolete by the implementation of CORE-CT, the state's new accounting system.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2004

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 17      Nay 0